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2002-273333 discloses a method of forming a luster coating film,
5 in which a luster base coating is formed on a substrate in two
stages, followed by forming a clear coating, the thickness ratio
of the base coating composition applied in the first stage to
that applied in the second stage being 2/1 to 4/1. This method
can prevent unevenness in the luster of luster coating films.

10 However, especially when an aqueous luster base
coating composition is used, the above method is likely to
result in insufficient orientation of the flaky luster pigment
used, and is not capable of forming a luster coating film with
a highly dense texture and high flip-flop property.

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